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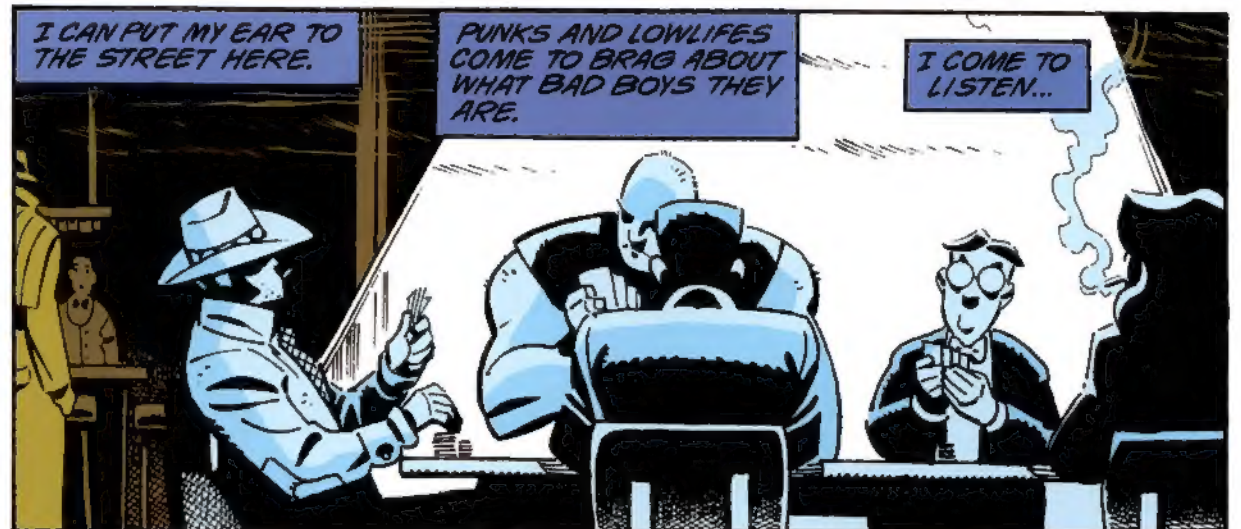


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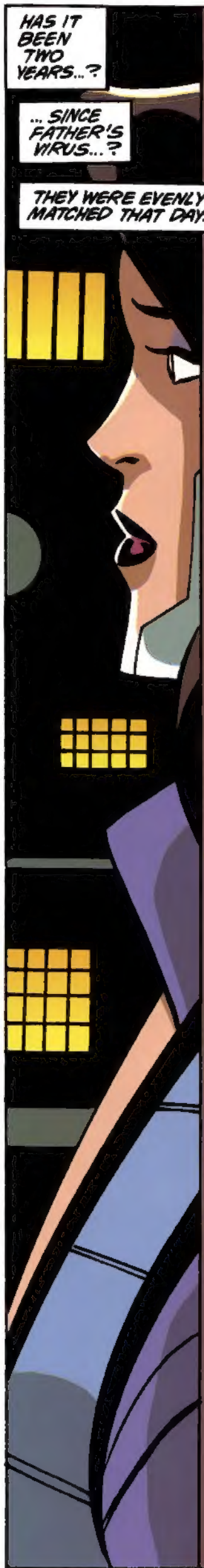












HAS IT BEEN TWO YEARS...?

... SINCE FATHER'S VIRUS...?

THEY WERE EVENLY MATCHED THAT DAY.



BUT THEY ALWAYS WERE.

CLANG!

NEITHER SAW THE SCORPION.



ONCE AGAIN, WARRIOR...

...THE DESERT CHOOSES MY DESTINY.



COME, UBUWONG.

WE GO TO RESHAPE A BETTER WORLD.

NOOOO!



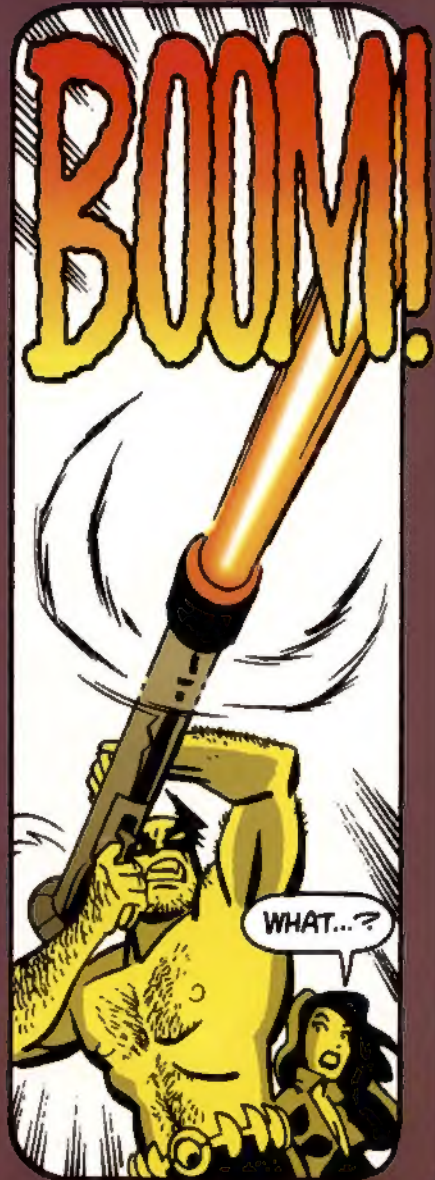
WHAT'S HIS GAME?!?

HE LEFT THE STINGERS!

HE KNOWS... I CAN'T LET HIM GO...



DAMN YOU FOR MAKING ME DO THIS, RA'S!



BOOM!

WHAT...?



I SHOULD HAVE
FEARED THE
FLAMES...



... FELT THE
HEAT.

FATHER!

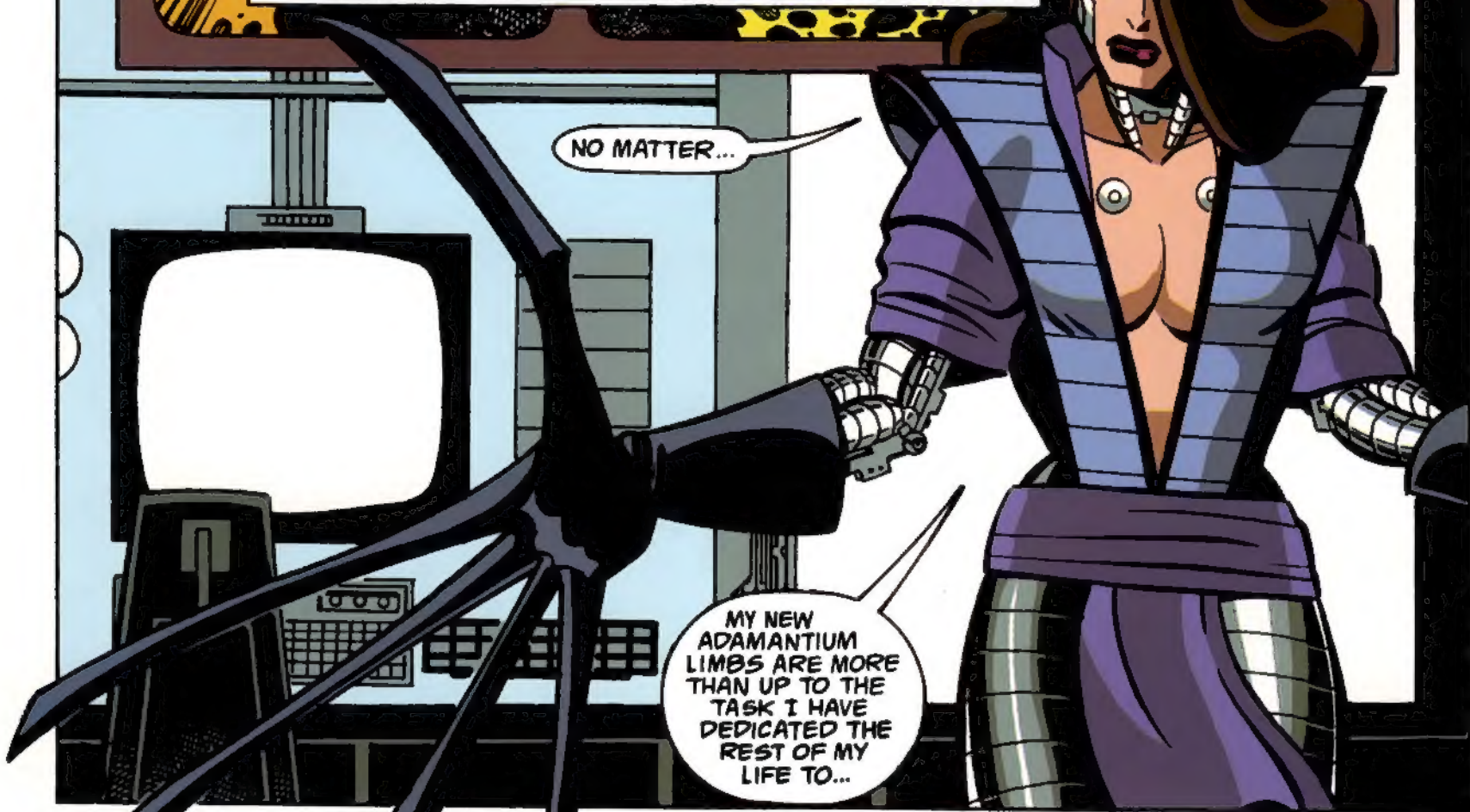
INSTEAD
I BURNED
OFF 90%
OF MY
SKIN.



FATHER!
NO!

WITHOUT EVER
FINDING HIS
BODY.

THE PRECEDING FROM THE TV EPISODE: LEGACY OF APOCALYPSE.



NO MATTER...

MY NEW
ADAMANTIUM
LIMBS ARE MORE
THAN UP TO THE
TASK I HAVE
DEDICATED THE
REST OF MY
LIFE TO...

THE KILLING
OF THE DARK
CLAW!



YOU'RE LUCKY I'M HERE.

YOU ALWAYS FALL TO PIECES WHENEVER THAT GIRL'S AROUND.



SO...?

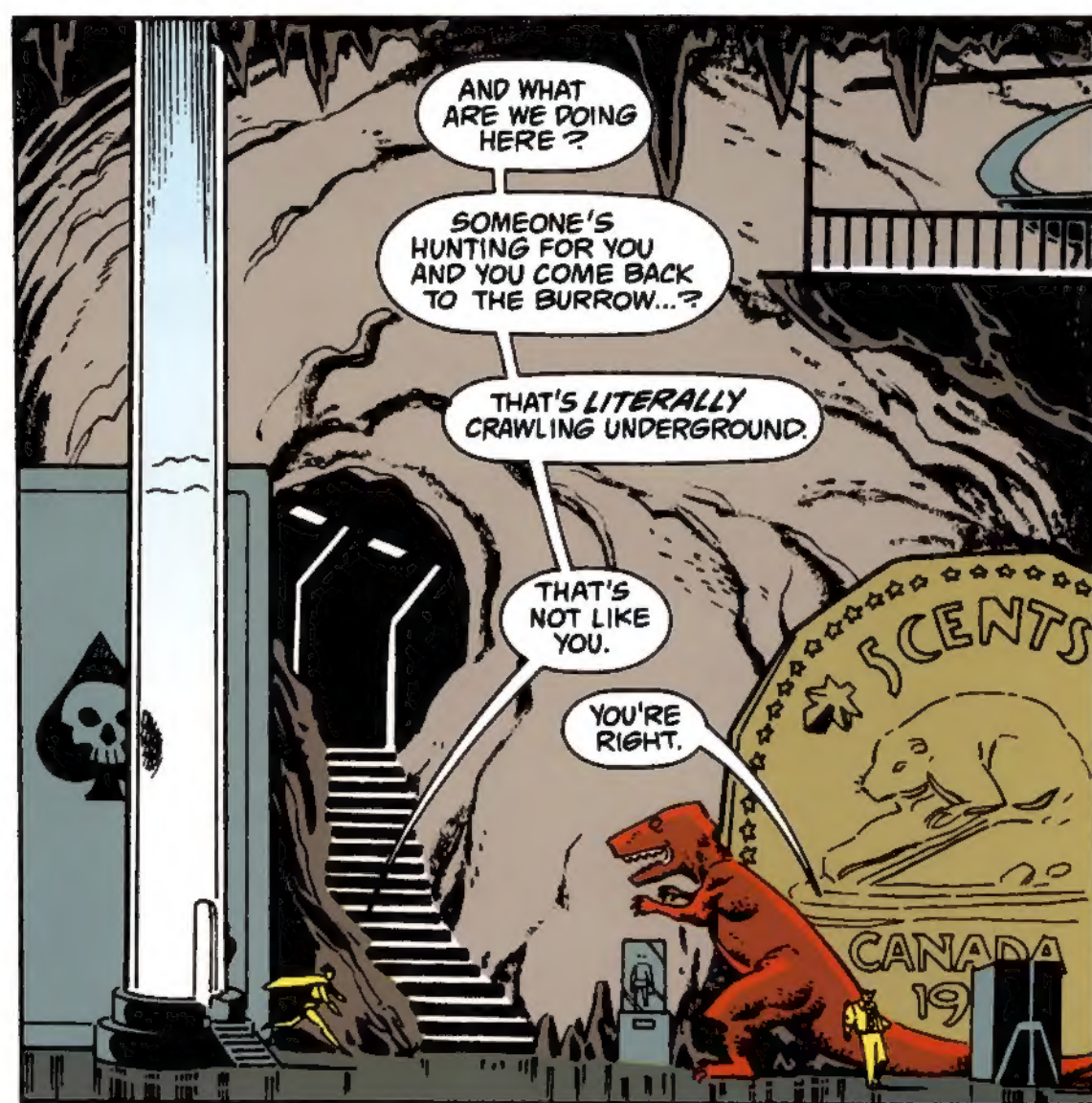
WITH MY MUTANT HEALING POWER...

...I WON'T EVEN HAVE A SCAR IN TEN MINUTES.

DON'T EXAGGERATE!

AS IF

LOOK AT YOU. YOU'RE SO CARELESS, YOU GOT YOURSELF SHOT.



AND WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?

SOMEONE'S HUNTING FOR YOU AND YOU COME BACK TO THE BURROW...?

THAT'S LITERALLY CRAWLING UNDERGROUND.

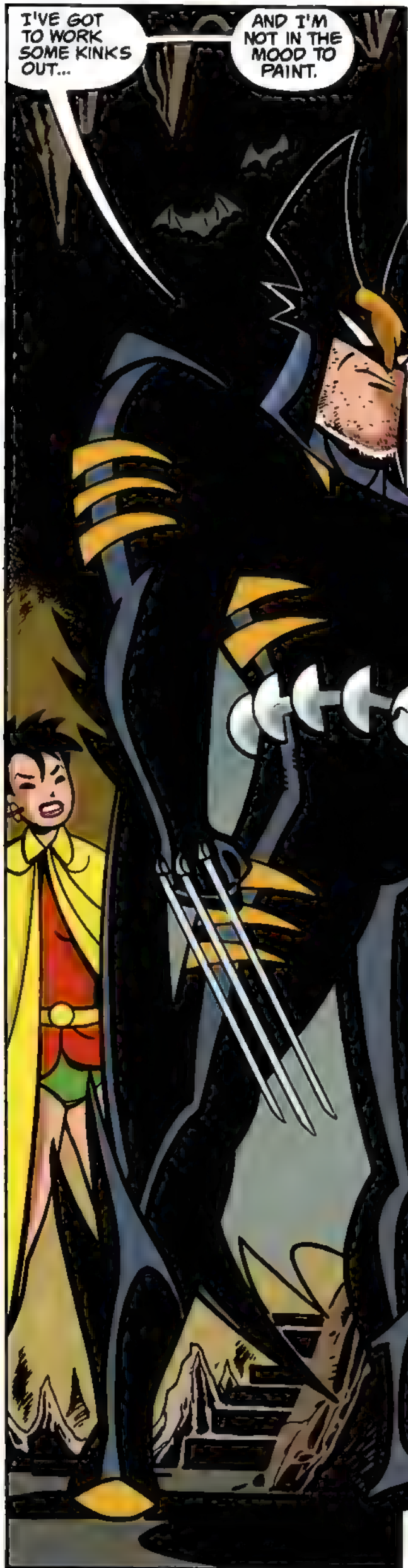
THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU.

YOU'RE RIGHT.



I WAS CARELESS BEFORE.

TO FACE TALIA, I NEED TO BE MY BEST.



I'VE GOT TO WORK SOME KINKS OUT...

AND I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO PAINT.



GO SET UP THE DANGER CAVE.

A STRENUOUS PROGRAM.



YOU'RE SERIOUS ?!

WE'RE HANGING AROUND HERE ?

WE'RE NOT GOING AFTER HER ?



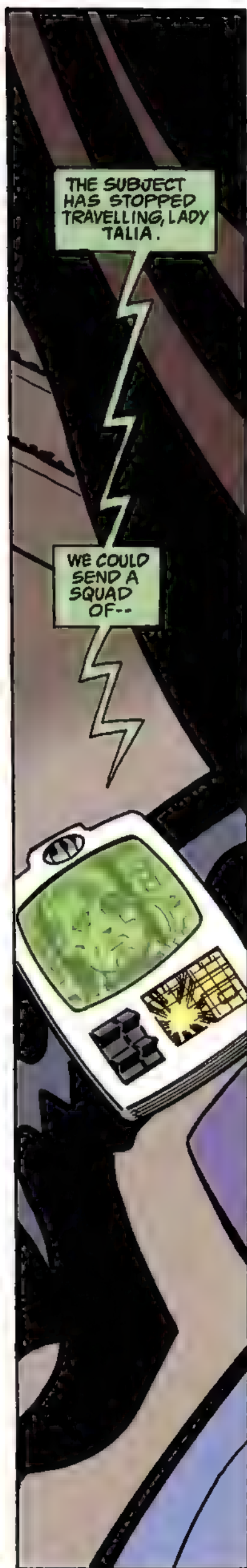
THIS ISN'T A DEMOCRACY, KID.

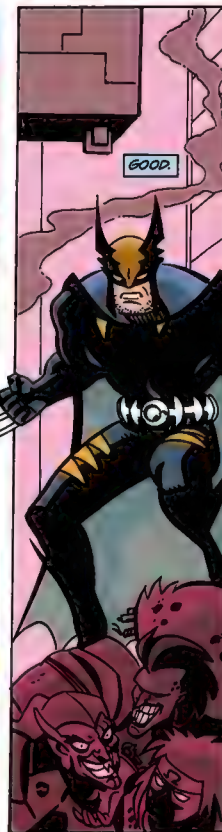
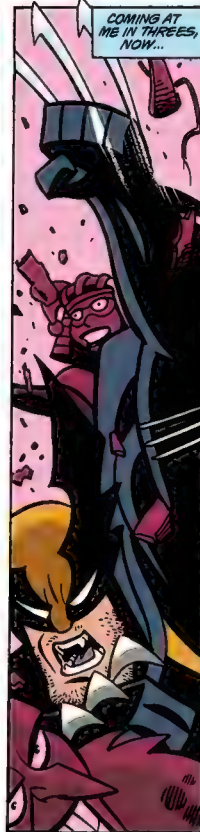
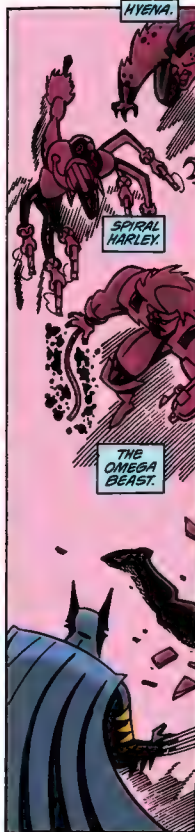
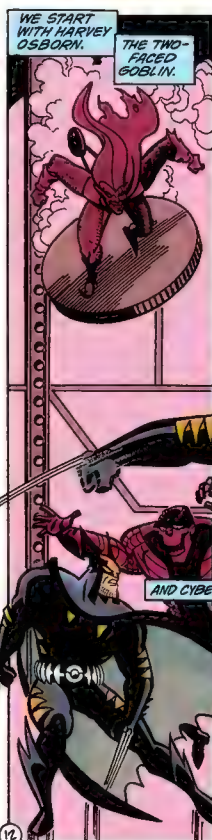
GO SET UP THE PROGRAMS.



THERE HE GOES...

... FALLING ALL TO PIECES.







YOU THINK I'M AFRAID OF THE DARK, SPARROW?

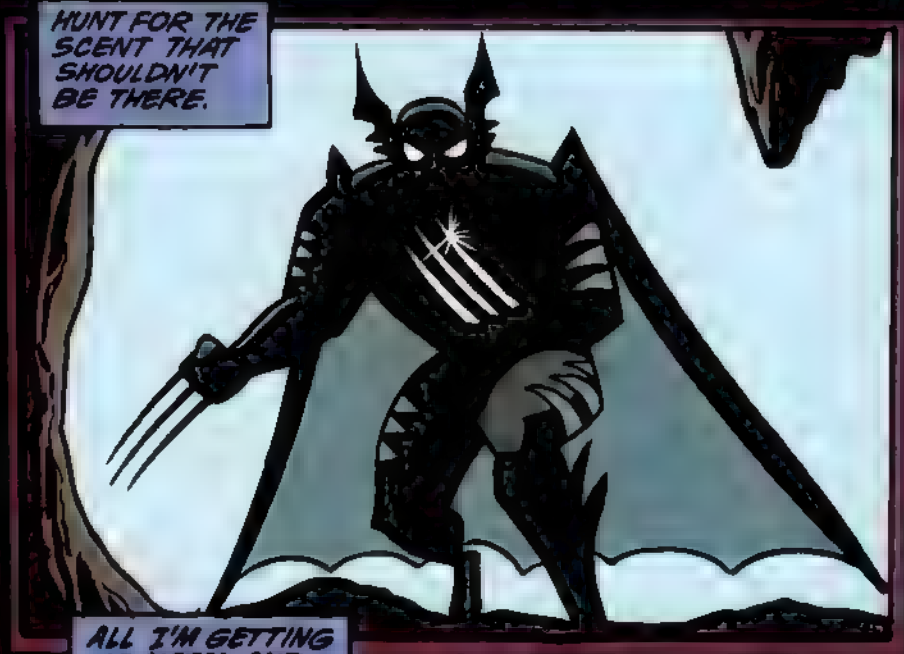
SPARROW...?

NO ANSWER



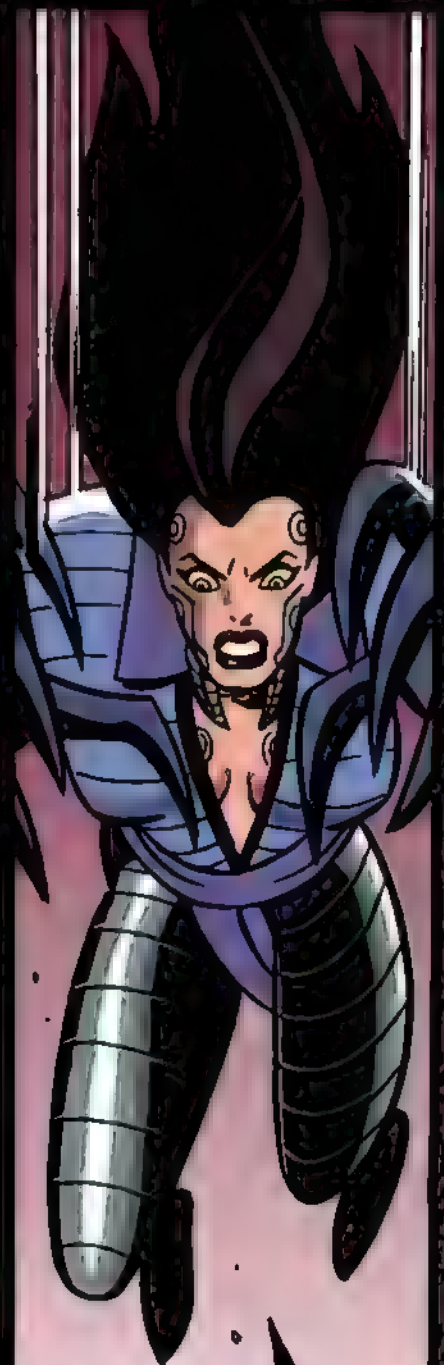
SOMETHING'S WRONG.

TEST THE AIR.



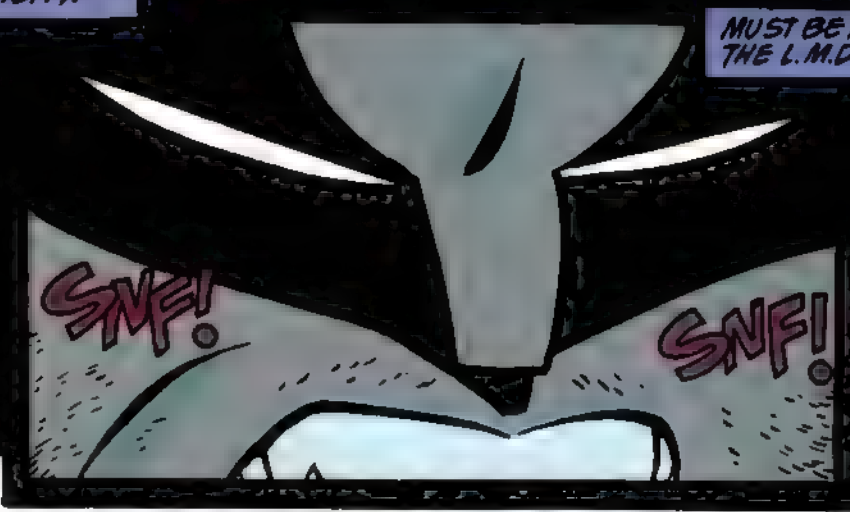
HUNT FOR THE SCENT THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE.

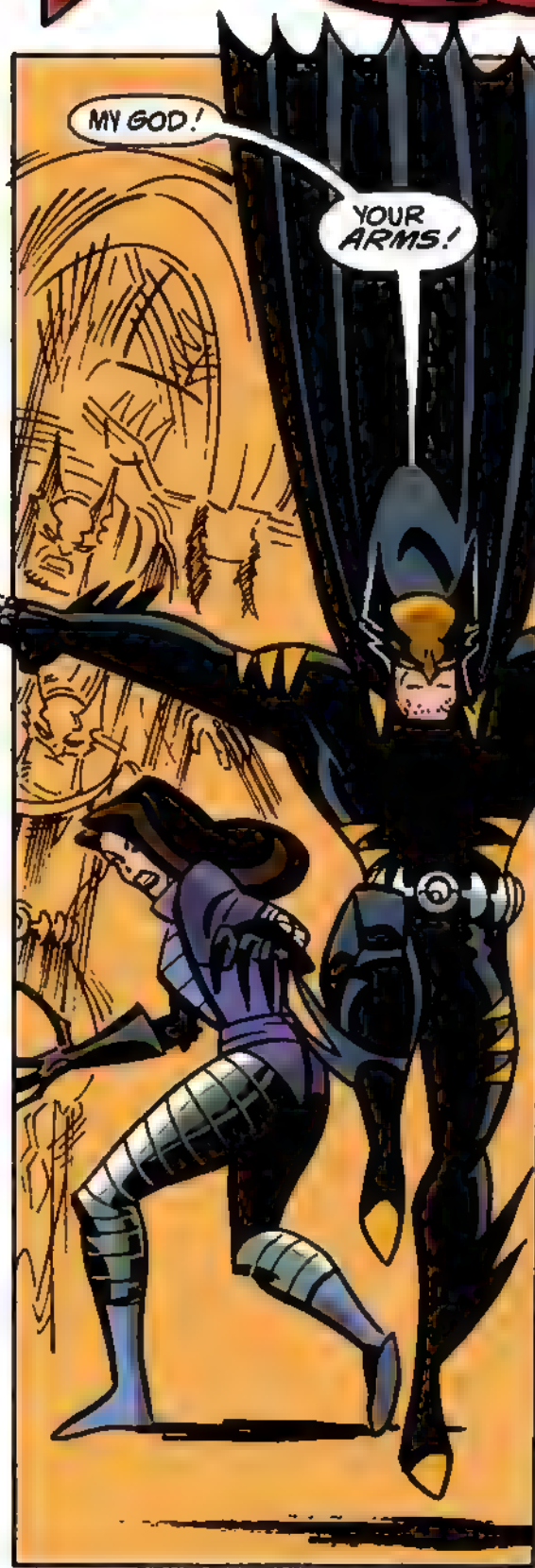
ALL I'M GETTING IS METAL AND ELECTRICITY.

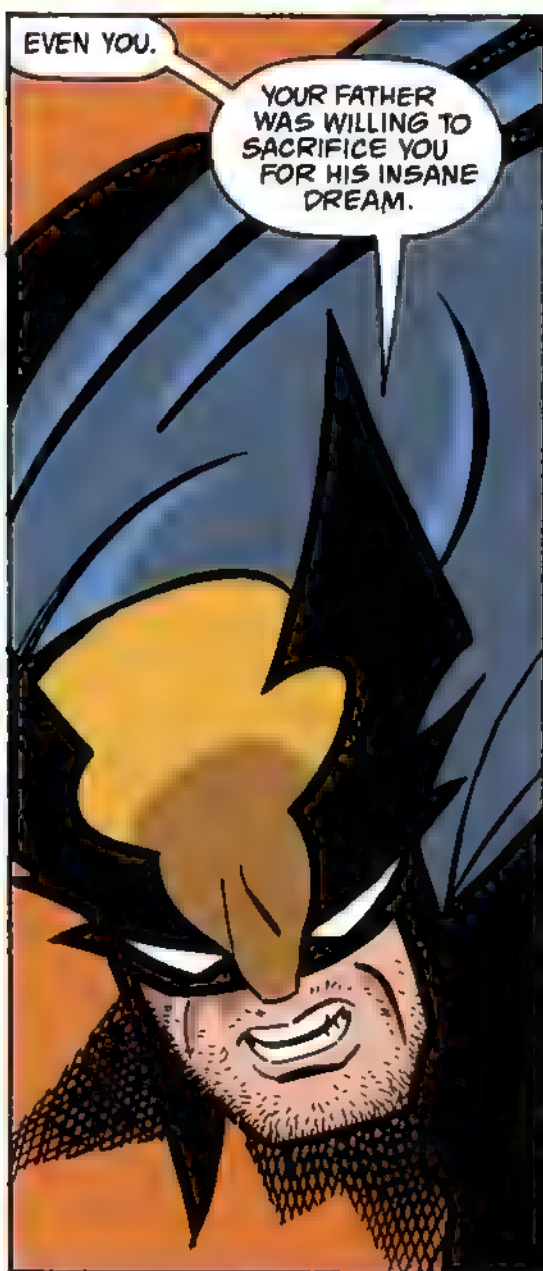
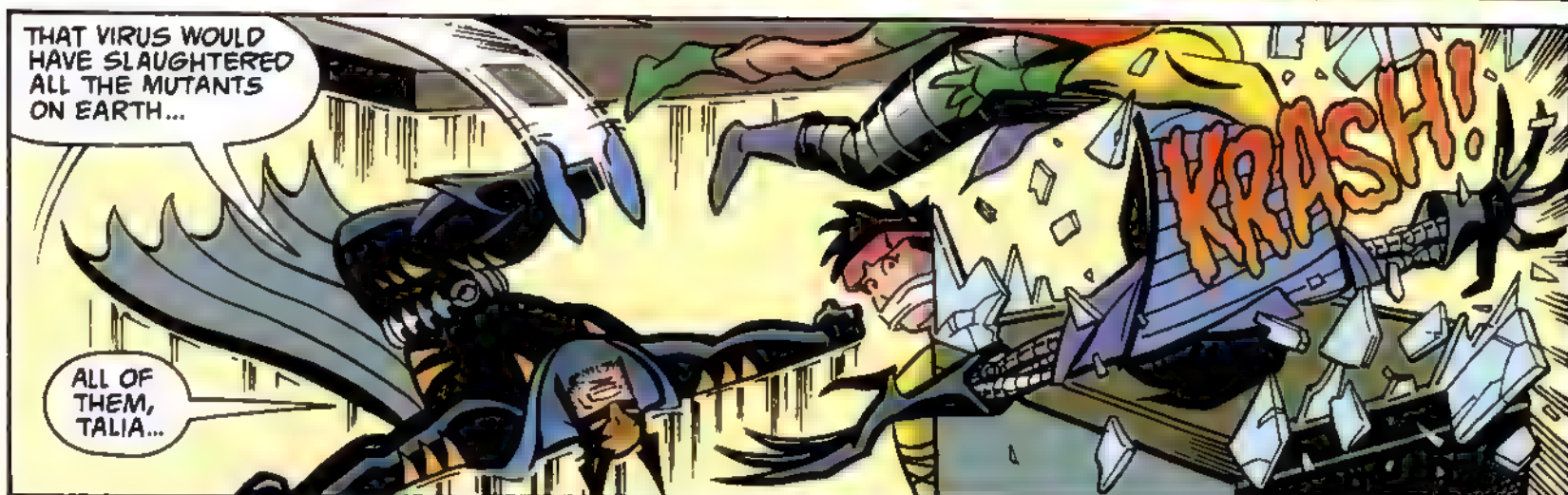


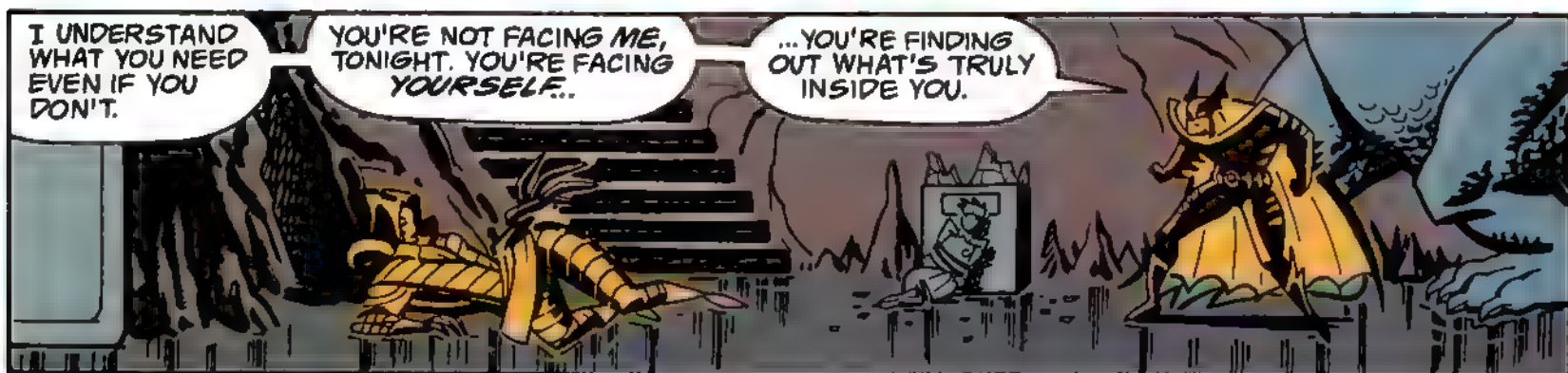
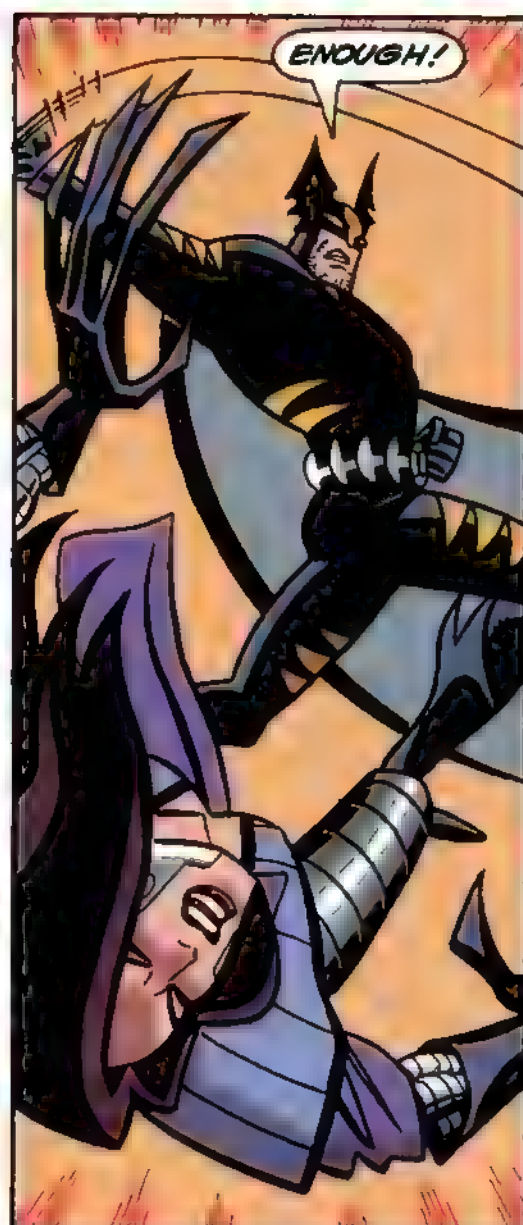
MUST BE ALL THE L.M.D.s...

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"CHOOSE WHO YOU ARE, TALIA."

"CHOOSE."

AAAAAAA!

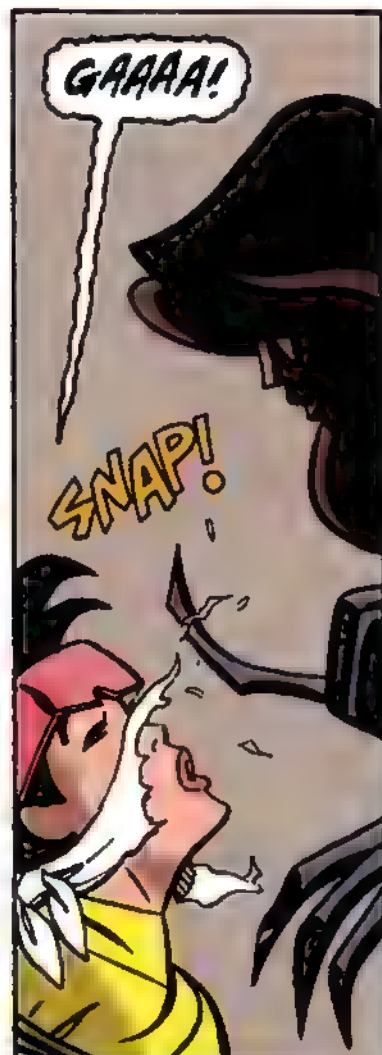
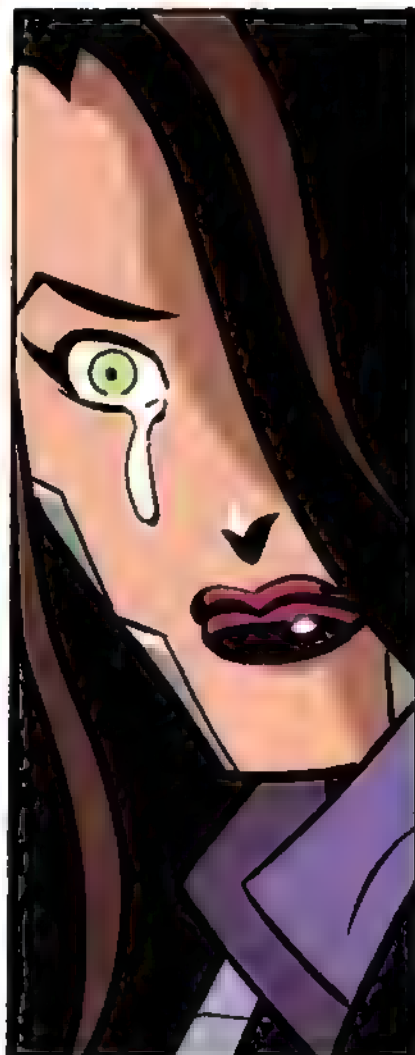
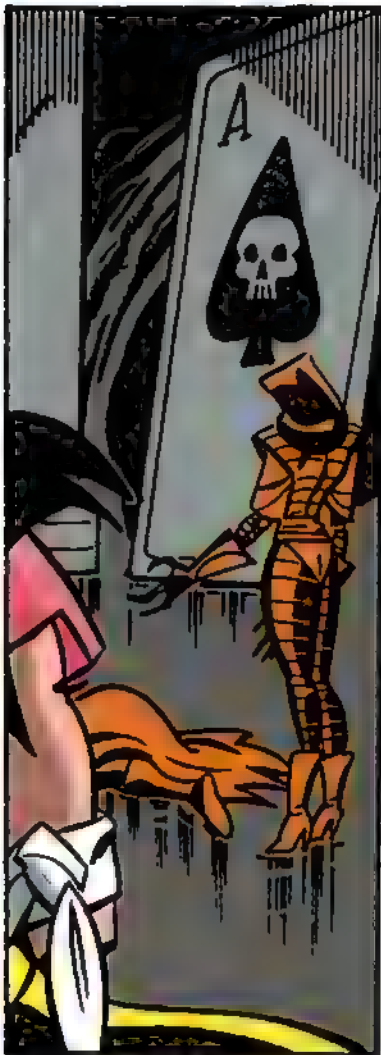
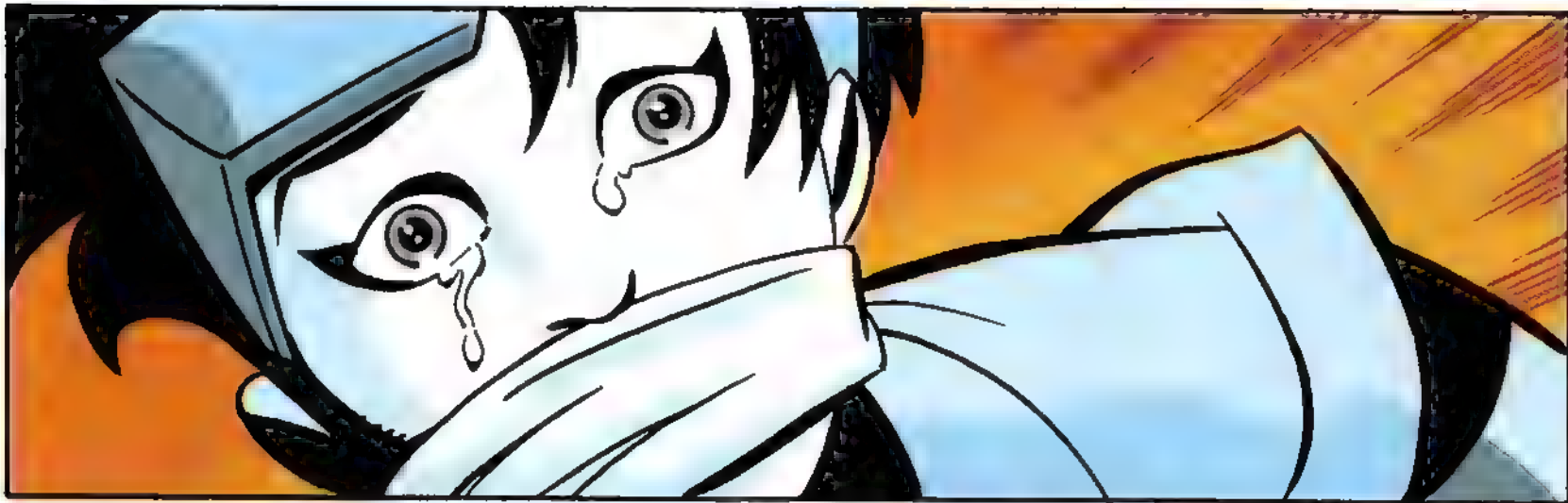
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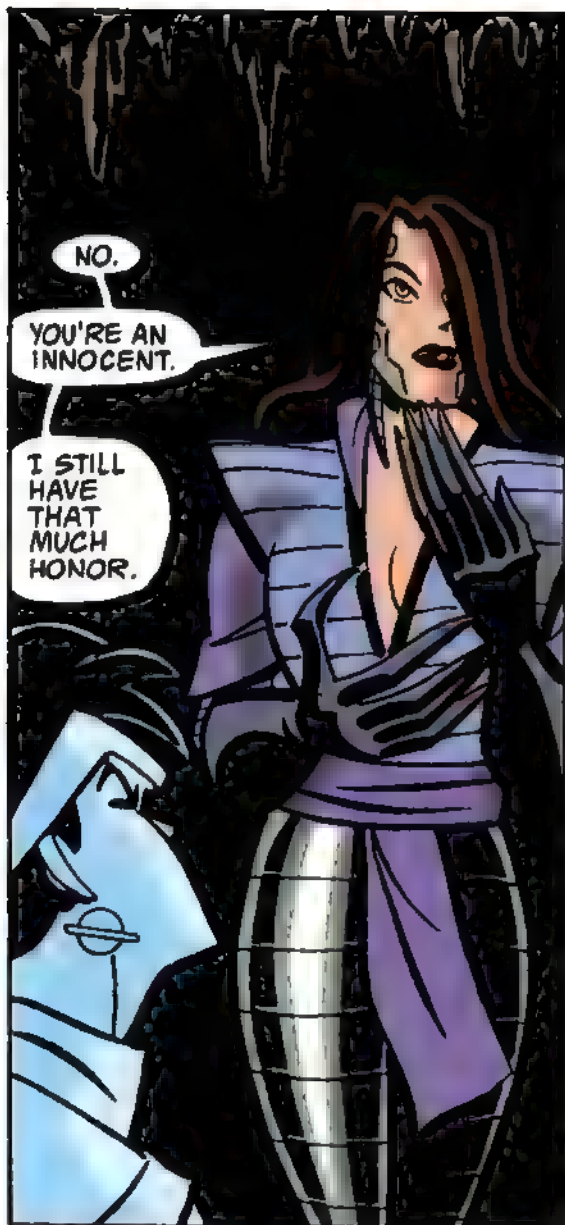
SURPRISED ME THERE...

DIDN'T REALLY THINK...

YOU HAD A DEATH STRIKE...

IN YOU.





NO.

YOU'RE AN INNOCENT.

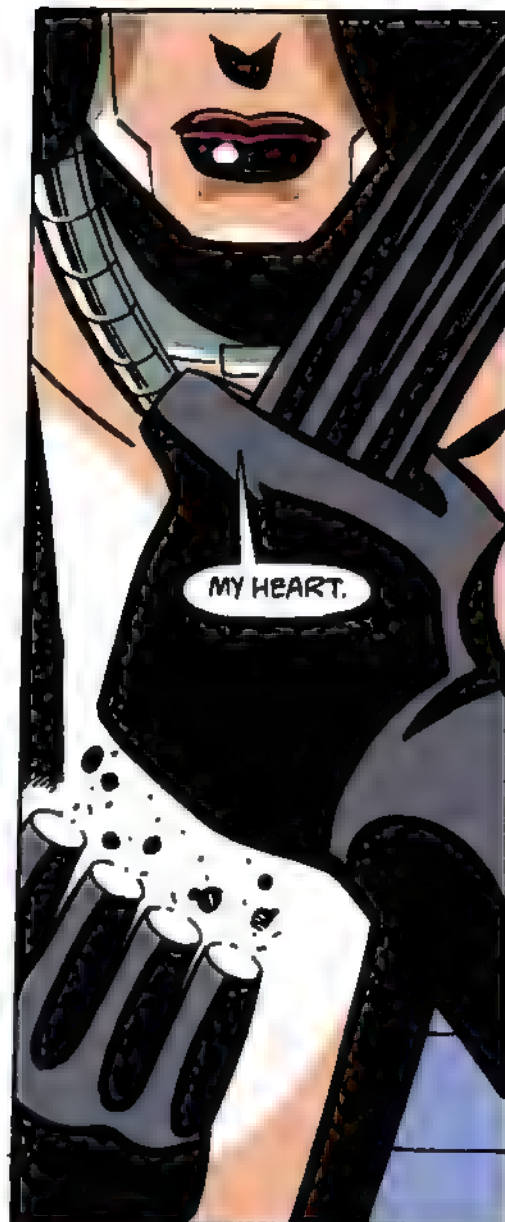
I STILL HAVE THAT MUCH HONOR.



MY FATHER IS DEAD.

NOW LOGAN IS DEAD.

THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT REMOVE THE LAST PART OF ME STILL TRULY HUMAN.



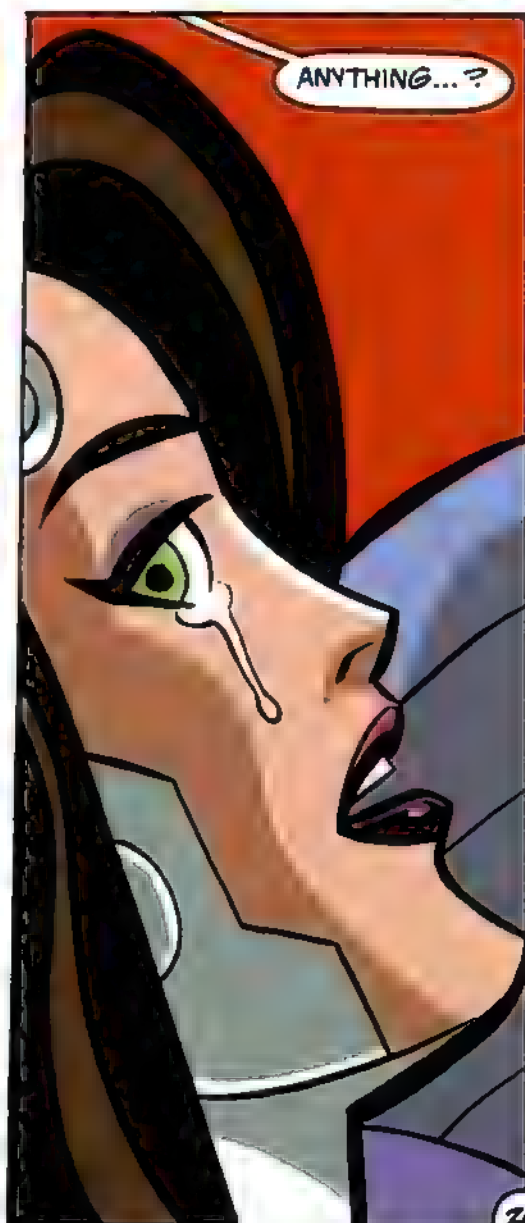
MY HEART.



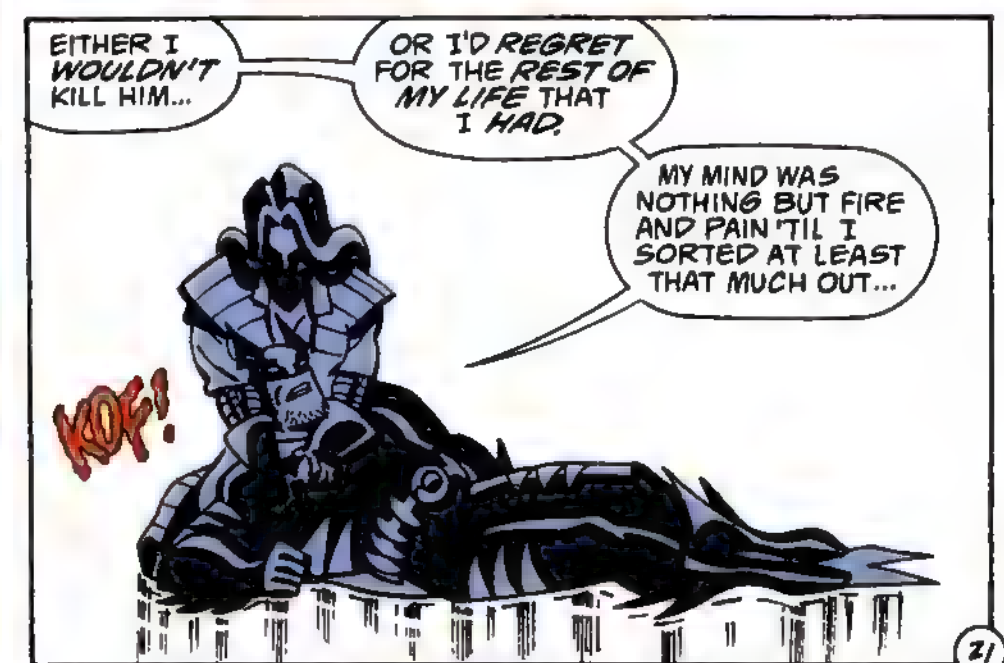
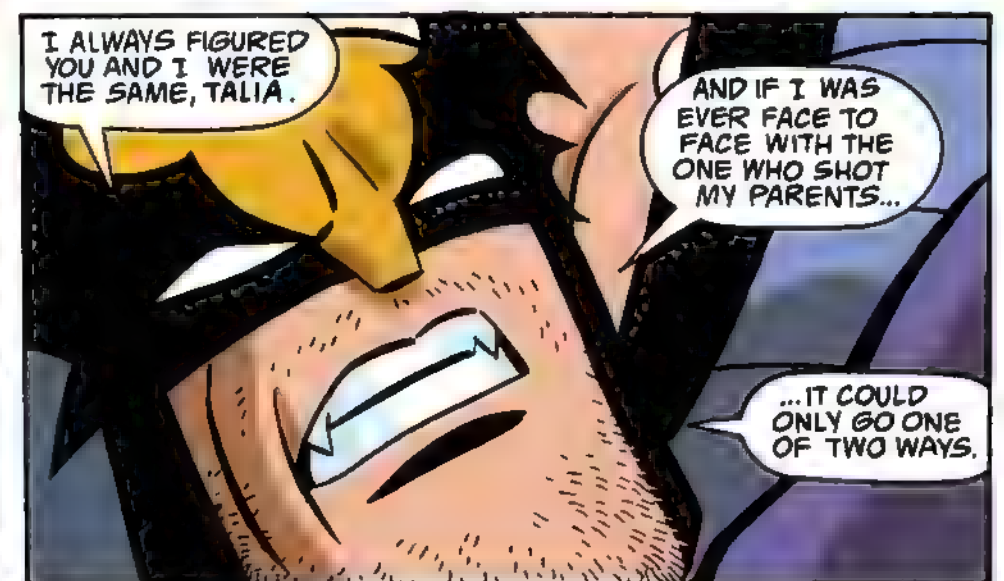
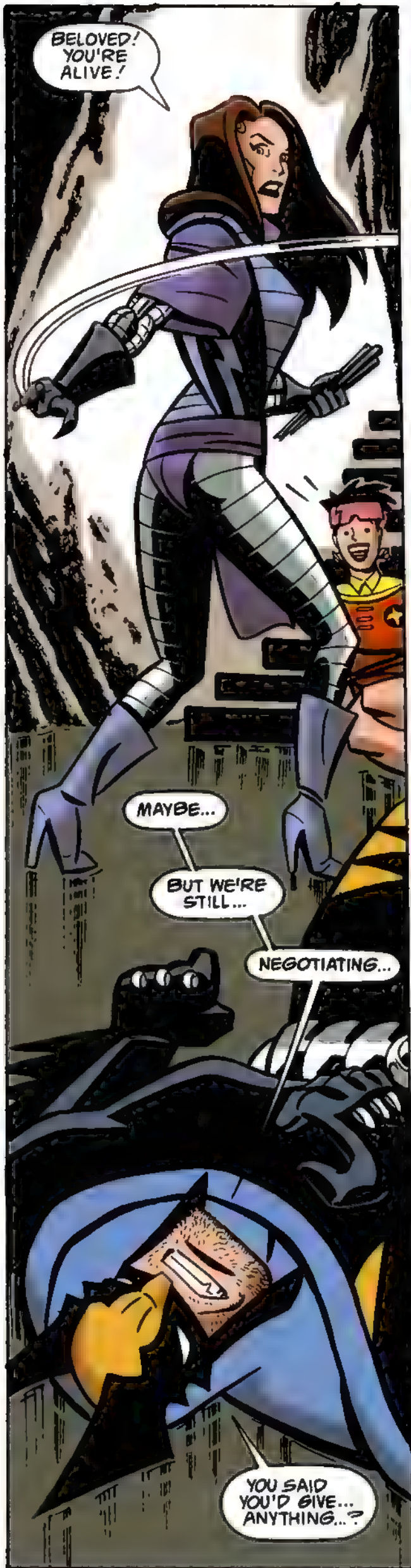
I WOULD...

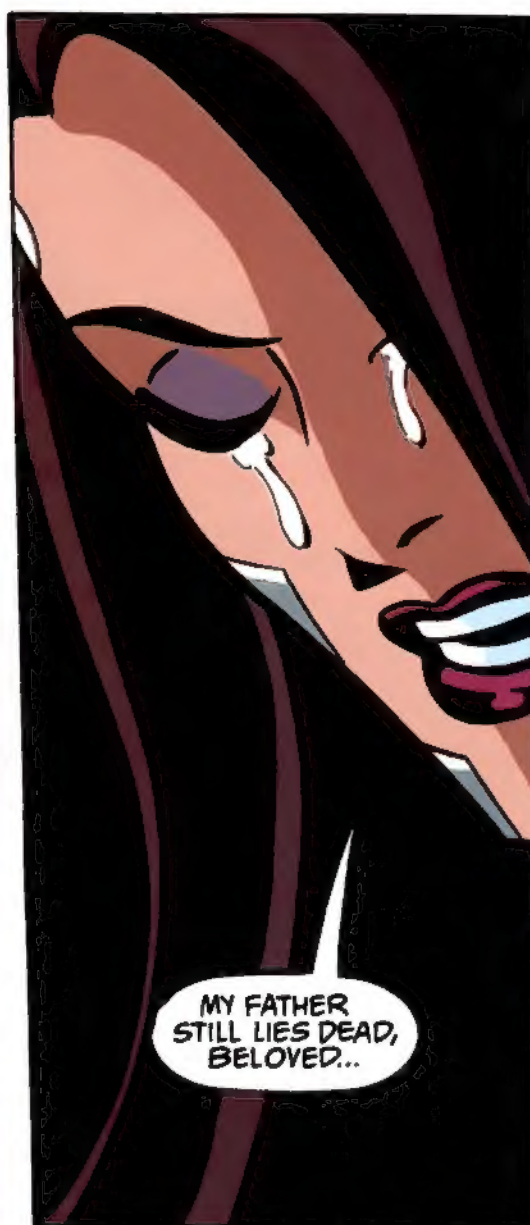
...I WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO CHANGE THE LAST TWO YEARS.

TO BRING THEM BACK!



ANYTHING...?





Dear Scott,

Yes! This is the way Dark Claw is supposed to be handled. Angst, drama, humor, the whole thing. A great story well told with fantastic art. What could be better?

Olav Bermingham

Why, only if it came out every week!



Dear Scott and Darren,

I thought nothing could get me back into comics, but that was before *Dark Claw: The Animated Show* hit the air. Ever since it first appeared on the Fox Bros. network, I've been hooked. I actually lost three jobs because I left the office every day at 4:00 in order to be home to watch it. Finally, I bought myself one of those little portable TVs and now spend a pleasant half hour in the restroom. I've been with this job for four months now and couldn't be happier!

And then I found my first issue of THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES in a convenience store and my life felt complete. I was a little worried that it would be just, you know, a kiddie comic or something, but I couldn't have been more mistaken. It's just as adult and sophisticated as anything out there today. And it's fun!

Anyhoo, I just wanted to thank Ty, Rick and Linda and, of course, Bruce Dini and Paul Timm for getting the whole thing started in the first place. You've got a fan for life!

Mitchell Jefferson

At least until the boss finds out what you've really been doing in there!



Dear Editor,

I have a question for you. Why is it that in this book Sparrow seems to be a few years older than in the other Dark Claw books? This has been bothering me for a while.

Josh Kucharski

Well, Josh, as you may have guessed by now, THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES follows the continuity of the animated show and not the other comic books. Two different takes on one totally great character!

DARK CLAW

ADVENTURES

Dear Scott,

Call me crazy, but did I catch a reference in "Ten Nights of Omega" to The Omega Beast being incarcerated at Arkham at some point?

When did this happen? Did I miss an issue? I'm going nuts here!

Kahlia Beach

Worry not, fair Kahlia, you missed naught. It all happened in the now classic episode of the animated show called "And They Shall Call the Beast Omega!" Gotta stay on your toes around here!



Dear DARK CLAW ADVENTURES,

I really love your show and comic book. I would like to meet Dark Claw someday. Please have him come to my house. I would like to be Sparrow when I grow up. I am having a birthday party. Would Dark Claw like to come? He can stay on the couch and borrow my Dad's car. Please write back. 'Bye.

Robert E. McBride

Dear Robert, Dark Claw's awfully busy right now, but if he's ever in your neighborhood on a case, I'm sure he'll stop by. Thanks for writing! Oh, and...don't let your dad know you're promising his car to other people. If you think *Dark Claw* gets mad!...



Dear Scott,

How can you guys be so great? Every time I think you can't possibly get any better, well, you just prove me wrong! It's just not possible! How do you do it?

Simon DelHoma, Jr.

Ah, the secret everyone wants to know! Doesn't seem human, does it, Simon? Here's a hint: Ty and Rick aren't human! They've got adamantium talent! I could tell you more, but then they'd have to impress you to death! We wouldn't

video Dark Claw movie. Can this be true? I don't think my heart could take it! Please tell me! I'm in complete suspense and can think of nothing else! Help!

NJC OLD XENO AKA
SALINAKY1@AOL.COM

Well, good news, you crazy Kat, I guess: there are going to be new episodes, starting with that aforementioned video movie! They're gearing up to produce another dozen episodes, but they won't be on until early next year. They're produced by Dini and Timm, and Ty and Rick'll be doing some of the storyboards, as will Ronnie Del Murakami and Kevin Riba! Woo-hooo!



Dear Scott,

You guys are the best.

Ross Gilpin

Well, I sure don't know about that, Ross...but we sure try! Thanks for writing!

HEY! Be on the lookout for the new "Dark Claw: Elsewhat If" line of toys from Puckett and Parobeck Toys! It features all your favorites in bizarre new costumes, the likes of which you've never seen before. They're all in neon colors, many of which have actually never before existed in this world! It's an advance in science, just to provide you with hours and hours of fun and excitement! And, just to really get you in a tizzy, at long last: Spiral Harley! She's only available in this "Elsewhat If" line, and there's only one Harley per ten dozen Dark Claws, so keep them eyes peeled, ol' faithfuls!

NEXT ISSUE: The unthinkable happens...a blast from the past you never thought'd come back. It's all in "Secret of the Waiting Phoenix Saga," by Ty, Rick, Linda and Tim. See you then!

—Scott Peterson
amalgamate me, baby!



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Fun! That's the name of the game. Seems like everywhere you turn these days, there's somebody spoutin' off about the deficit of "fun" in his funnybooks.

To which we say, "Balderdash!"

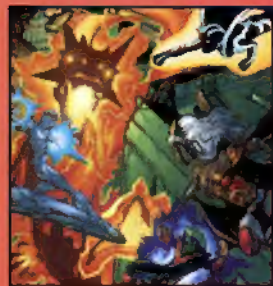
Now, there's no denyin' that the comic-book biz is just that—a business. And there are times when the profit-and-loss side of the equation seems to overshadow everything else, particularly with the advent of the faster-than-thought communication of the World Wide Web. (Speaking of which, have you gotten an eyeful of our fully-functional Amalgam Webrite yet? Four out of five dentists recommend it...and the fifth doesn't own a computer!)

But the bottom line is that nobody joins the wacky workaday world of producing four-color fantasies with the intention of getting rich. We do this because we love comics, the same as you do. There's no better place to work than in the comic biz. And the reason is, it's fun.

So have some fun today, Amalgamen and Amalgametter. We are.

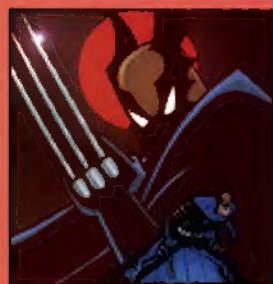
And remember, we remain ever dedicated to bringing you the finest in illustrated picto-literature! Because we know you demand no less! Accelerate!

— M.M.CARWALD

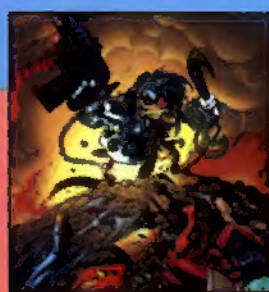


JLX UNLEASHED #1: Decimated by the Armageddon Agenda, the JLX lies at the mercy of the Hellfire League of Injustice when they summon the brimstone-born Fin Fang Flame! By Christopher "Maxi" Priest, Oscar "Jumping" Jimenez and Hanibal "The Cannibal" Rodriguez.

GENERATION HEX #1: Ride back into the Wild West days of the Amalgam Universe and see how disfigured renegade Jono Hex assembled the world's first band of metamutant gunslingers: Skinhunter, Madame Banshee, and the mysterious Retribution — all out for vengeance against a town called Humanity. By "Peerless" Peter Milligan, "Madam, I'm" Adam Pollina and Mark "More, More, More" Morales.

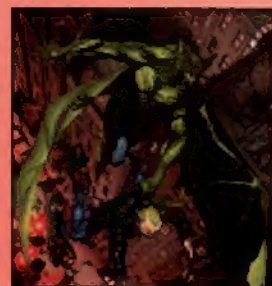


THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES #1: Based on the hit TV show *Dark Claw: The Animated Series*! A deadly assassin called Lady Talia is loose in New Gotham! And she's after the man who killed her father, Ra's A-Pocalypse — namely, Logan! By Ty "The Guy" Templeton and "Rambunctious" Rick Burchett.



LOBO THE DUCK #1: The Main Mallard is after the mastermind responsible for the destruction of Manhattan and the deaths of the greatest Amalgam heroes! And not even his faithful girlfriend Bevarlene can ease the mighty duck's troubled mind — especially when the Lunatik-Bug bounces into the act. By Alan "The Anarchist" Grant, "Voracious" Val Semeiks, and Ray "Railroad" Kryssing.

BAT-THING #1: When a scientist mutates into a creature part human and part bat, the world can only call him — Bat-Thing! Human no longer, the hideous being seeks revenge on the motorcycle gang responsible for his cursed existence! By "Laughin'" Larry Hama, Rodolfo "Joe" Damaggio, and Bill "Sink-or-swim" Sienkiewicz.



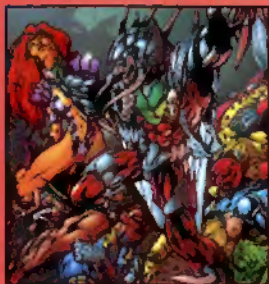
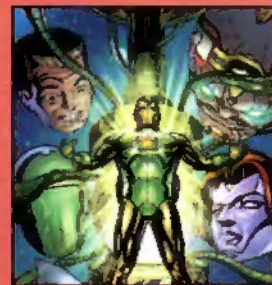
SUPER-SOLDIER: MAN OF WAR #1: Return to the Golden Age of Amalgam as the world's greatest human fighting machine joins forces with Sgt. Rock and his Howling Commandos! But can even their combined might overcome the maniacal Major Zemo's deadly War Wheel? Guest starring the All-Star Winners Society! By "Malevolent" Mark Waid, "Dauntless" Dave Gibbons, and Jimmy "Jimmy" Palmiotti.

CHALLENGERS OF THE FANTASTIC #1: Sue "Ace" Storm: fearless agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.! Reed "Prof" Richards: dynamic science genius! Johnny "Red" Storm: daredevil youth! Ben "Rocky" Grimm: two-fisted U.S. senator! They're four frankly fearless people who seek out and defy mind-blowing menaces in mysterious places. But can even they stand against the coming of Galactiac? By Karl "Don't Call Me Barbara" Kesel, "Titanic" Tom Grummett, and "Anxious" Al Vey.



THORION OF THE NEW ASGODS #1: Between the realms of New Asgard and Apokolips, Thorion battles his hated brother Lok D'Saad, while the fate of the galaxy itself hangs in the balance! But Lok has a secret weapon: the all-powerful MOTHER LOBE. And waiting in the shadows: Thanosoid! By "Kinetic" Keith Giffen and "Jumpin'" John Romita, Jr.

IRON LANTERN #1: Empowered by OA, the Living Planet, Hal Stark wears the life-sustaining armor of Iron Lantern! But can the Armored Emerald Gladiator save Stark Aircraft from the colossal Great White, the hatred of Madame Sapphire, and the world-shattering power of Mandarinestro? By "Curt" Kurt Busiek, "Tall" Paul Smith, and Al "The Pal" Williamson.



THE EXCITING X-PATROL #1: Niles Cable, Elastigirl, Shatterstarfire, Ferro Man, Beastling, and Dial H.U.S.K.! They're back — and they must face Brother Brood in a battle to the death! And if they survive — can they endure the trials of the Brood Pit? By Barbara "Don't Call Me Karl" Kesel and "Bouncin'" Bryan Hitch.

SPIDER-BOY TEAM-UP #1: Spider-Boy is saved from certain doom by another spider-powered teen who could be Spider-Boy 2099! Using the Time Cube, the heroic duo travel back to the future to meet the Legion of Galactic Guardians. By Karl "Now I'm Confused" Kesel, Roger "Ramjet" Stern, Jo "The Padron" Ladronn, and "Say It Ain't So" Vlesco.



MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO #1: Just as the refurbished Magnetic Men attempt to join human society, they must go up against the lethal Sinister Society and a slew of new evil robots. By Tom "Terrific" Peyer, "Bodacious" Barry Kitson and "Dancin'" Dan Panosian.

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